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SUBJECT

VIP Resort at Barsuki, Near Moscow, USSR

REFERENCE

: NSA/V41/SPO/R-018-75 (NPIC Project 390199)

This memorandum is in response to your request for information and annotated photographs of a VIP resort in the vicinity of Barsuki, near Moscow, USSR. Attachment 1 is an annotated photograph of the entire facility and its environs. Attachment 2 is an annotated photograph of the housing and support area.

- The Barsuki VIP Resort is 1.2 nautical miles (nm) WSW of Barsuki, 1.3 nm NE of Komarovo, and approximately 57 nm SSW of Moscow, at 55-03-00N 036-55-48E (Attachment 1). The installation is served by three roads and a helicopter pad.
- The overall layout of the facility, the associated amenities, the security identified in the housing and support area, and the helicopter pad indicate that it is a VIP resort. However, it is not possible, from photography, to identify the governmental affiliation of the personnel using the facility. The resort is not as extensive or as imposing as the resort used by Brezhnev in the vicinity of Zavidovo northwest of Moscow; nor is it as large or as well laid out as the KGB dacha area in the vicinity of Zarechye on the southwest edge of Moscow.
- The security about the housing and support area is well defined, however, the security around the outer perimeter of the resort cannot be delineated with any degree of confidence.
- The housing and support area contains five arbitrarily designated sub-areas (Attachment 2). Area A contains the main VIP dacha and three guest dachas. Area B is separately secured and contains six small probable duplex units. The large vegetable gardens associated with them and their general appearance suggest that they are probably for occasional housing for upper-level officials who would not normally be accommodated in the dacha area. This area also contains a multi-unit dwelling. C and D contain officer quarters and barracks buildings which probably house personnel assigned to the facility. Area E contains the support for the facility and includes a steam/heat plant, a motor pool area, and several miscellaneous support buildings.

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- 6. The recreation area for the facility contains a large artificial lake, a boat dock with two boats, a swimming area, a duck blind and a large wooded area. Trails lead from the VIP area to suspect "hunting blinds" in the surrounding woods.
- 7. No high frequency or multichannel antennas were observed, but this does not preclude the possibility that antennas not normally observed on photography, such as CATS PAW or whip-type antennas, may be present. Because of the helocopter pad at the facility, it is presumed that at least very high frequency communication capabilities exist.
- No bunker was identified at this resort, indicating that it probably does not have the secondary function of being an emergency relocation facility.
- 9. This project is considered complete. Any further questions should be directed to Communications Branch, Missiles and Space Division/IEG, secure Chief, Missiles and Space Division NPIC

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